

Railroad Co. Formed

Wasatch Week 11-5-70

The reality of a scenic train traveling around Deer Creek Dam, then through picturesque Provo Canyon, moved farther along the line this week with the formation of the Wasatch County Mountain Railway and Development Company in Heber City. Mr. Lowe Ashton was elected President with Dr. R. Raymond Green, 1st vice president and Mr. Charles H. Neilson, 2nd vice-president. Mr. Thomas I. Baum, Steven L. Carr and Dennis Spendlove will serve as directors to the organization. Mr. Ed McLaughlin, Ogden, Utah, was retained by the new company to serve as executive secretary. Mr. McLaughlin is currently employed

as a planner for Ogden City, but will relocate in Heber City in the near future.

A progress report issued by President Ashton stated that many volunteer hours have been donated by people from Provo, Salt Lake, Ogden as well as the Foundation members to help in repairing the existing tracks. An extreme amount of work has been done to restore these tracks to top condition.

Many interested industrial corporations such as Union Pacific Railroad and Kennecott Copper Corporation have pledged their support and aid in making this a successful venture.

The Company has set a tentative date of December 1st to bring their rolling stock of three locomotives and seven passenger cars into Wasatch County. The stock is currently located at the Utah Fairgrounds where it will be put on the Garfield Western section of trackage and will then be brought to Provo by another Union Pacific locomotive. Upon the arrival of the stock in Wasatch County, the company format then calls for a trial run of a publicity train.

Mr. Ashton stated that the Company is extremely pleased with the reception that the local citizens have given to the stock sales with two-thirds of the available stock being pledged.

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*KSL and KCPX made reference
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